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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES NATION

1. SUMMARY. PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM APPEARED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION 22 JAN 1975 TO REPORT ON RESULTS OF HIS 5-1/2 WEEK TRIP TO EUROPE. REPORT WAS ATTEMPT TO DEFEND USEFULNESS OF TRIP. JAN 23 PAPERS CARRIED MINOR STORIES ON REPORT AND TWO LEADING PAPERS USED OCCASION TO WRITE EDITORIALS CONDEMNING WHITLAM TRIP AND HIS LACK OF LEADERSHIP. END SUMMARY

2. PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM STATED DURING A TV ADDRESS THAT DURING HIS TRIP HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO PRESENT AUSTRALIA'S VIEW THOROUGHLY, COMPREHENSIVELY, AND AUTHORITATIVELY ON ISSUES THAT MATTER AND IN NATIONS THAT MATTER. HE SAID THERE WAS IMMENSE INTEREST IN EUROPE IN PURCHASING AUSTRALIAN URANIUM. HE ALSO TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMIC STRENGTH LAY IN ITS ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND THAT THE PEOPLE COULD RELY ON HIS GOVERNMENT FOR COOL, CLEAR JUDGEMENT IN DEALING WITH THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER'S TV APPEARANCE WAS GIVEN ONLY MODEST COVERAGE IN THE PRESS AND EVOKED NEGATIVE EDITORIALS IN THE AUSTRALIAN AND FINANCIAL TIMES.

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